

May 24, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Dean Giles, Air Quality Planning Program Specialist

SUBJECT: FY 2007 MAG FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PM-10 PAVING PROJECTS

On May 23, 2007, the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council approved a recommendation for additional PM-10 measures. One of the new measures is that MAG allocate \$5 million in FY 2007 MAG federal funds matched on a 50/50 basis by MAG member agencies for paving dirt roads and shoulders projects and that these projects be immediately submitted to MAG for consideration at the July meetings of the MAG Management Committee and Regional Council for an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program. These funds would be on a nonsupplanting basis for new projects. It is requested that the submission of paving projects be coordinated through the Manager's Office of the respective jurisdiction. **PM-10 Paving Projects are due to MAG by June 6, 2007.**

The Five Percent Plan for PM-10 is due to EPA by December 31, 2007. On March 28, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the Suggested List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter. The paving of dirt roads and shoulders is supported by measures #32 and #35 in the Suggested List of Measures.

Project requests should be on public, or publicly maintained unpaved roads, with weekday traffic volumes of 50 or more vehicles per day. It is important to note that federally-funded PM-10 Paving Projects will follow the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Local Government Project Development Process. Information on the Project Development Process may be obtained by contacting John Dickson, ADOT, at (602) 712-8683.

A copy of the request form for paving projects is provided in Attachment One and an electronic version is available on the MAG website at [www.mag.maricopa.gov/](http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/). Please include a complete description of the PM-10 Paving Project, including the current average weekday traffic volume and length of the project, and attach a map showing the location of the proposed project. A separate form should be completed for each PM-10 Paving Project requested.

MAG staff will estimate the emissions reduction and the cost-effectiveness for each project based on the federal funding requested. The calculations for emissions reduction and cost-effectiveness will be based on the MAG Methodologies for Evaluating Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

Improvement Projects, August 15, 2005 (see Attachment Two). The cost-effectiveness for each paving project will be used to rank order the PM-10 Paving Projects for federal Surface Transportation Program funding.

If there are questions regarding the form or process, please contact me at (602) 254-6300.

Attachments

cc: Public Works Directors  
Intergovernmental Representatives